GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SELLING OF SUB STANDARD FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sub-standard fertilizers are beings sold in the markets with branded names in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to make available better quality of fertilizers in various States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (d): The sale, manufacturing etc. of fertilizers are regulated under the provisions of Fertiliser (Control) Order, (FCO) 1985, an order under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The specifications of various fertilizers have been laid down in Schedule of FCO, 1985. The Order prohibits manufacture and sale of fertilizers, which are not of prescribed standard.The inspection of quality is a continuous process. There are 68 fertiliser quality control laboratories in the country to test the quality of fertilizers including the four laboratories of the Government of India namely Central Fertiliser. Quality Control and Training Institute at Faridabad and three regional laboratories at Bomaby, Kaiyani and Chennai. The State Governments are the enforcement agencies and are adequately empowered to take appropriate action against the offenders in terms of provisions contained in FCO, 1985 including for violation, if any in the quality of fertilizers. No complaints of manufacturing of sub-standard fertilizers have been reported to the Government of India in the Department of Fertilizers (DOF) in the recent past.